

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Congratulated the High School Cheer Block for being awarded the spirit award.
2. The St. Patrick's celebration is this weekend. Pavey said the City does received funding from this event.
3. Will be scheduling training for streaming with BIS Digital.
4. There will be a meeting of the CSO committee tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
5. They have had a meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan and as soon as they get a signed contract public forums will be set up as well as a website for those who cannot attend the public forums.
6. Informed Council that they should have received a copy of the SEDS today for the EIDD regional plan. At some point we will be meeting with them as well as with the County to make sure things are in line as we would like.
7. Pavey, Jemmy Miller, and Mike Land met with IDEM to discuss projects that may be done in the levee area, such as the extension of Harrison Street into the park, a boat ramp, an outlook overlook south of Flatrock Grill, and a canoe launch south of the river. We will be able to do some river clean up as long as there is no backfill put in and no bulldozers are used. Pavey said we will be able to accomplish what we would like within reason.
8. Pavey and Carolyn Bunzendahl attended a young entrepreneur program.
9. Had a fiber board meeting. Pavey was elected as Chairman. There was some discussion as to buying equipment and sharing it with the County. There was also discussion on our phone systems working together.
10. The Mayor will be attending an advanced manufacturing forum Thursday at Ivy Tech.
11. Will be attending an IACT workshop on festivals, fireworks, and special events.
12. Next week there will be a strategic alliance meeting which is a workforce meeting for elected officials.
13. Next week we will be meeting with the Community Foundation on 2 separate grants. One is a philanthropy education grant for the Mayor's office and one is for the Park Department to upgrade a shelter house.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Copley informed Council that the monthly reports were not ready due to computer problems at the City Utilities.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Bridges said he received a letter from the Community Foundation awarding \$457.68 to be used for the south side Riverside Park open shelter. He asked for authorization to sign the letter of authorization. Berkemeier made a motion to authorize Bridges to sign the letter. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges announced that he became a Grandfather for the second time on Thursday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amphitheater – The fund raising is going well. All acts have been secured. The committee will be handing out magnets with information for the concerts.

Comprehensive Plan – Discussed under Mayor's reports.

Trash Sub Committee – Councilman Smith said he spoke with Charles from Best Equipment, and he is planning to come to the 1st meeting in April and will bring some items to show Council. He said he has also been talking to the City of Connersville concerning the "one arm bandit". They said the toughest thing has been getting everyone trained properly. Smith said he will be making a trip to Connersville for a demonstration if any of Council wants to go please let him know.

Employee Benefit – Will be putting something on paper for Council's review.

APC/BZA Building Code – Councilman Berkemeier said he has a meeting set up with JTZ on Friday. Smith said he spent some time with the Henry County APC and he had some good information on the same issues we are discussing. Smith will forward his contact information.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Chief Tucker handed out his monthly report. He informed Council that he has ordered the new vehicle and expects delivery by the end of April. After installing the equipment the vehicle should be on the road by the end of May.

Fire – Chief Jenkins reminded the Board that he and Assistant Chief Munson will be taking the tower truck to Nebraska for repairs on March 18-20th.

Tomorrow the fire department will be participating in a joint training session with Greenfield Fire Department and their Confined Space Rescue Team, Emerson Technologies.

Kemker's retirement celebration will be March 15 at the Church of God from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Street – None.

Park – Park Director said the Easter egg hunt will be March 30 at noon.

Animal – None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Bridges said he was informed by Guy Herrell that they are still experiencing the sewer gas odor. Pavey said the utilities had replaced the lid with a solid lid and thought that would help. Pavey said he will relay the message to Les Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter to SBOA to Further Clarify B.I.F. Spending – We have not heard back from the SBOA.

I.P. Phone System – Savings/Efficiency – We have heard from one company. Nine Star is finishing up their quote. We are also waiting to hear back from Frontier.

NEW BUSINESS

Amend Ordinance 2012-18, Loan from Electric Liquidation to Redevelopment Commission – McCane said we want to make sure we have everything in line for the EDA Grant. He said earlier in Ordinance 2012-18 Council approved a 3% interest amount for the loan, but did not put in the ordinance the exact amount to be borrowed. The amount was a not to exceed the \$2,046,799.59, which was the entire amount in the Electric Liquidation fund. Sheehan made a motion to amend the ordinance to add the loan amount of \$1,661,575.00 which is a 50% match for the grant. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McCane said his new email address is johnmccane@rushecdc.org.

INDOT Project Coordination Contract for 16th Street- The contract is for the 2nd portion of 16th Street. This sets forth the budget of \$2,483,500.00. Bridges made a motion to approve the contract with INDOT for 16th Street. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Smith asked if there are street lights included. Pavey said they were not included, but he would like to see what we can do to get street lights installed. George Coons asked what happened to the lights that were there before. Pavey said he would contact Duke Energy.

Claims – Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE

Library Appointment - Bridges asked when the Library Board appointment was up. Pavey said either the first or the end of June. Bridges said he sent out an email that the current person on the board is interested in being re-appointed. Smith said he did not have a problem with that, but he would like for them to come before Council before the appointment is made.

St. Patrick's Celebration – Sheehan encouraged all to attend the celebration this weekend. He said the parade is at 3:00 p.m. If you need tickets see him or John McCane they are \$10.00. He said some of the things that the event will financially support are the concert series, Chamber, City/Veterans project, flower project, and the Easter egg hunt. Sheehan said 3:00 – 6:00 is a time that is very low keyed and family oriented.

There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier made a motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER